

# Notice of Allowability

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## -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-30.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12/18/00 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Roland R. Schindler on May 26, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Applicant has canceled claims 1-12.
2. In claim 22, lines 1-4, delete the preamble in its entirety found in lines 1-4 and replace said preamble with the following:

A computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium and including programming instructions for use in interfacing a text-based application with a picture archive containing representations of images and metadata associated with the images, said agent comprising:

3. In claim 23, line 1, delete '*The agent as claimed in*' and replace said term with the following:

The computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium as claimed in

4. In claim 24, line 1, delete '*The agent as claimed in*' and replace said term with the following:

The computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium as claimed in

5. In claim 25, line 1, delete '*The agent as claimed in*' and replace said term with the following:

The computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium as claimed in

6. In claim 26, line 1, delete '*The agent as claimed in*' and replace said term with the following:

The computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium as claimed in

7. In claim 27, line 1, delete '*The agent as claimed in*' and replace said term with the following:

The computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium as claimed in

8. In claim 28, line 1, delete '*The agent as claimed in*' and replace said term with the following:

The computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium as claimed in

9. In claim 29, line 1, delete '*The agent as claimed in*' and replace said term with the following:

The computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium as claimed in

10 In claim 30, line 1, delete '*The agent as claimed in*' and replace said term with the following:

The computer implemented autonomous agent stored on a computer readable medium as claimed in

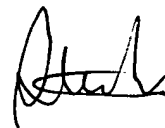
### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Ludwig whose telephone number is 571-272-4127. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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